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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAMASCUS 110 ACTION SECSTATE DEA HQA, ANKARA  
BEIRUT 14 JAN

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 110

ANKARA AND BEIRUT FOR DEA REP

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, SY

SUBJ: MEETING WITH SYRIAN NARCOTICS OFFICIALS

1. ON DECEMBER 12, DEA REPS MARIA AND LEAMEY AND EMBASSY  
NARCOTICS OFFICER DONALD MUDD HELD CORDIAL ONE-HOUR MEETING  
WITH CHIEF SYRIAN INTERPOL LT. COL. MUMTAZ FETAYAH  
AND CHIEF SYRIAN NARCOTICS POLICE TO DISCUSS SYRIAN  
NARCOTICS SITUATION AND BILATERAL COOPERATION.

2. SARG OFFICIALS EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT ENTERING INTO  
DIRECT CONTACT WITH EMBASSY AND DEA ON NARCOTICS MATTERS.  
WHILE DISCOUNTING PRESENCE ANY CURRENT DRUG PROBLEM IN  
SYRIA, THEY RECOGNIZED U.S. INTEREST IN PRESENT AND POTENTIAL  
PATTERNS OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC WHICH MIGHT  
INCLUDE SYRIAN AND STATED WILLINGNESS TO SHARE SYRIAN  
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INFORMATION ON TRAFFICKING AND TRAFFICKERS WITH U.S.

THEY RECOGNIZED THAT ALEPPO HAD BEEN A PROCESSING AND  
TRANSIT POINT IN PAST ON ROUTES TO AND FROM TURKEY.  
TENTATIVE PLANS WERE MADE FOR BEIRUT SAIC TO RETURN  
TO DAMASCUS NEXT MONTH FOR FURTHER MEETINGS.

3. EMBASSY JUDGES THIS INITIAL CONTACT WITH SYRIAN  
NARCOTICS AUTHORITIES AS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT WHICH  
CAN OPEN WAY FOR CLOSER COOPERATION WITH SARG IN  
NARCOTICS FIELD. IN ADDITION TO FURTHER VISITS BY  
SAIC BEIRUT, SUGGEST WE BEGIN THINKING ABOUT ORIENTATION  
VISIT TO U.S. FOR GROUP OF SENIOR SYRIAN NARCOTICS  
OFFICIALS EARLY IN FY 76.  
MURPHY UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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